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DONNA RIDGWAY and
THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA
Petitioners

v.

HAYLEY D. RIDGWAY, LAURIE R. RIDGWAY,
AND BRADY L. RIDGWAY,
BY THEIR MOTHER AND NEXT FRIEND,
APRIL D. RIDGWAY
Respondents

JOINT PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MAINE

JOINT PETITIONERS' SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF

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SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF

Since December 18, 1980, the date of the last filing by the joint Petitioners for Writ of Certiorari, a new case has been filed which is hereby brought to the Court's attention pursuant to Rule 22.6. At Pages 9 and 10 of the Joint Petition for Writ of Certiorari, Petitioners directed the Court's attention to two cases similar to the one at bar which are pending in lower courts, one stayed pending disposition of this Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

On December 26, 1980, counsel for Petitioners were informed that a case with facts virtually identical to this case has been filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. It is *Burks v. Prudential and the United States,* P.C.A. No. 80-0560. In that case, the divorced former wife of a serviceman insured under SGLI has brought an action against Prudential and the Department of the Air Force. She seeks to enforce a State court divorce decree which required the serviceman to designate and maintain his children as beneficiaries of his SGLI policy, notwithstanding his subsequent designation of another beneficiary (his new wife).

This filing substantiates Petitioners' contention that litigation over competing state and federally-based claims will continually arise over SGLI policies in the divorce context, and further illustrates the need for a clear-cut ruling from this Court on the issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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